

THOMAS SAY'S HOME IN NEW HARMONY

In "Thomas Say, Early American Naturalist" (1931), there are two illustrations of houses in which Thomas Say was thought to have lived. One, entitled "A House in which Thomas Say lived, in New Harmony, Indiana," is after F. M. Webster (*Ent. News*, vol. vi, 1895) and the other, entitled "Rappite House No. 5, New Harmony, Indiana, said to have been the home of Say in 1829-1830," was supplied by Dr. Charles P. Alexander and Professor J. Speed Rogers.

During February, 1938, I received from Miss M. E. Fauntleroy, of New Harmony, Indiana, a letter calling my attention to the illustration of Thomas Say's residence in New Harmony, a typical Rappite house, in George B. Lockwood's "New Harmony Communities," and advising me that this was Rappite house No. 53 and that it should be considered as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Say. Miss Fauntleroy's aunt, who lived to be ninety-four, and who knew Mrs. Say, recalled that the Says had moved from No. 53 into Maclure's home, which burned down in 1844. Number 53 was built in 1815 by the Rappites, and purchased and remodeled in 1841 by Robert Henry Fauntleroy. It is now the property of the Indiana Federation of Clubs and is known as The Old Fauntleroy Home and as the former dwelling place of many distinguished persons. It is located at the southwest corner of Granary and West Streets.

Although Victor Duclos, a passenger on the Boat-load of Knowledge and a friend of Miss Fauntleroy's father, mentions in his diary that he went to see Mr. Say at his home on the northwest corner of Granary and West Streets, Miss Fauntleroy states that this diary was dictated and that a mistake in corners could easily have been made and that other mistakes occur. It is her belief that Mr. Say may have lived there before his marriage, but that after his marriage he moved to Number 53, now known as the Old Fauntleroy Home. Later he lived in Number 5, the old home of George Rapp, and of Maclure, which was destroyed by fire in 1844. It was in Number 5 that he died.—H. B. W.